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Dear Dr. Stanley:

Thank you for your warm letter of May 3.

I am especially appreciative of your offer of good offices with regard to my current discussions with regard to the Berkeley Genetics Department. As far as I know, they are progressing satisfactorily. There would be little point in bringing them to a head far in advance of the earliest time that the laboratories could be made available (in Giannini Hall). To my best information, that would not be before mid-autumn 1958.

Ester and I will be travelling through San Francisco August 4-6 this summer. We are going to Melbourne, Australia, for about three months. Perhaps I might consult you at that time if anything has come up for which I might ask your assistance.

I need hardly tell you that the program of your laboratory would be one of the principal inducements to come to Berkeley.

Yours sincerely,


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Professor of Medical Genetics